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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/522,160	ESTABROOK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	LoAn H. Thanh	3763	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 and 26-33 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-22 and 26-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 31 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Oath/Declaration

A new oath or declaration is required because there is no domestic claim to the prior application which 09/522160 is a CIP. CIP applications require new oath or declaration. The wording of an oath or declaration cannot be amended. If the wording is not correct or if all of the required affirmations have not been made or if it has not been properly subscribed to, a new oath or declaration is required. The new oath or declaration must properly identify the application of which it is to form a part, preferably by application number and filing date in the body of the oath or declaration. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

Applicant is recommended to submit a new oath or declaration as soon as possible to avoid any delays in advancing prosecution of this application.

Response to Amendment

A second action non-final is hereby issued in response to applicant's amendment filed 02/15/05. Estabrook et al. does not disclose a collet having a slit sleeve with fingers.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because the cam protrusions are not clearly shown. Applicant is to clearly point out the cam protrusions in the figures. Applicant is to clarify where the cam protrusions are referenced by numeral 136 since 136 does not clearly show the protrusions. As such, the interpretation as rejected is given the most

broadly reasonable interpretation. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant is to clearly provide support in the specification for the collet being the lock means for locking the catheter and the cam means for closing the collect by compressing. It is understood that applicant is invoking 112 6th paragraph for the cam means.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Guest et al. (USPN 4,923,220).

Guest et al. disclose a device comprising a housing (10) having a needle receiving apparatus (lumen), a lock means comprising a collet (21) having a slit sleeve having fingers and a lock member (19). In the broadest interpretation the functional language has been given patentable weight but has not been positively recited. The lock member 20 is responsive to an application of force which compresses the collet 21. See figure 1. With respect to claim 33 , the cam protrusions are considered to be at the proximal junction of the cam surface (20).

Claims 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Guest et al. (USPN 4,895,570).

The rejection is similarly applied as above. The cam protrusions are considered 67.

Allowable Subject Matter

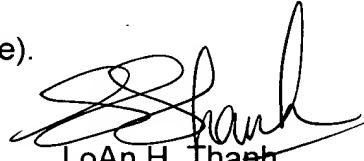
Claim 31 is allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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